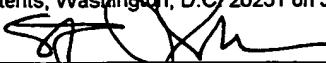




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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of December 12, 2000 requiring restriction to one of the following inventions: Group I, claims 35-40 drawn to a method of obtaining a peptide; for Group II, claims 41-59 drawn to a combinatorial library, and for Group III, claims 60-62 drawn to a method of making a combinatorial library.

Applicant elects the invention of the claims of Group II, claims 41-59, to be examined. Therefore, claims 41-59 are requested to be examined in this application, and claims 35-40 and 60-62 are withdrawn. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application on the remaining claims.

Applicant elects species consisting of peptides synthesized by solid phase means, included within claim 41 and dependent claims thereto. Applicant notes that claim 41 is drawn to both peptide or peptidomimetic members synthesized on solid phase, and specifically elects peptide members as the species to be examined.



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Should the Examiner have any comments, questions or suggestions relating to a speedy disposition of the application, he is invited to call the undersigned.

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